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**POSSIBLE SSM LAUNCH FACILITY
UNDER CONSTRUCTION
CHANG-CHIA-CHUAN, CHINA**

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1. A possible SSM launch facility was observed under construction in China approximately 8.2 nautical miles (nm) southeast of Chang-chia-chuan and approximately midway between Lan-chou and Hsi-an at 34-55-10N 106-20-20E on photography of [REDACTED]. The possible SSM launch facility is road-served and is located in hilly terrain 25 nm north of the Cheng-chou to Lan-chou rail line (Figures 1 and 2).

2. Construction consisted of an oval-shaped possible launch site, 70.7 by [REDACTED], being built along a ridgeline. A road-served excavated area is on the hillside below the ridge and approximately 100 meters (325 feet) to the south. Other excavated areas were observed on hillsides in the immediate area and probable earth-moving equipment was within the possible launch site. Construction techniques of the possible launch site are similar to those observed during an early stage of construction at Ching-yu SSM Complex [REDACTED].

3. A road-served probable support area is located approximately 1 kilometer southwest of the possible launch site. This support area is composed of 15 large buildings, three small buildings, and numerous other small structures. A probable cable scar extends east-southeast to a cleared area with a building along the main access road leading toward the possible launch site.

4. Access roads serving all areas have been improved since photography [REDACTED].

5. The possible launch site, the road-served excavated area, the probable cable scar, and all but three large and one small buildings in the support area did not exist prior to [REDACTED].

6. All other excavated areas did not exist before [REDACTED].

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7. The three large and one small buildings in the probable support area were present in [REDACTED].

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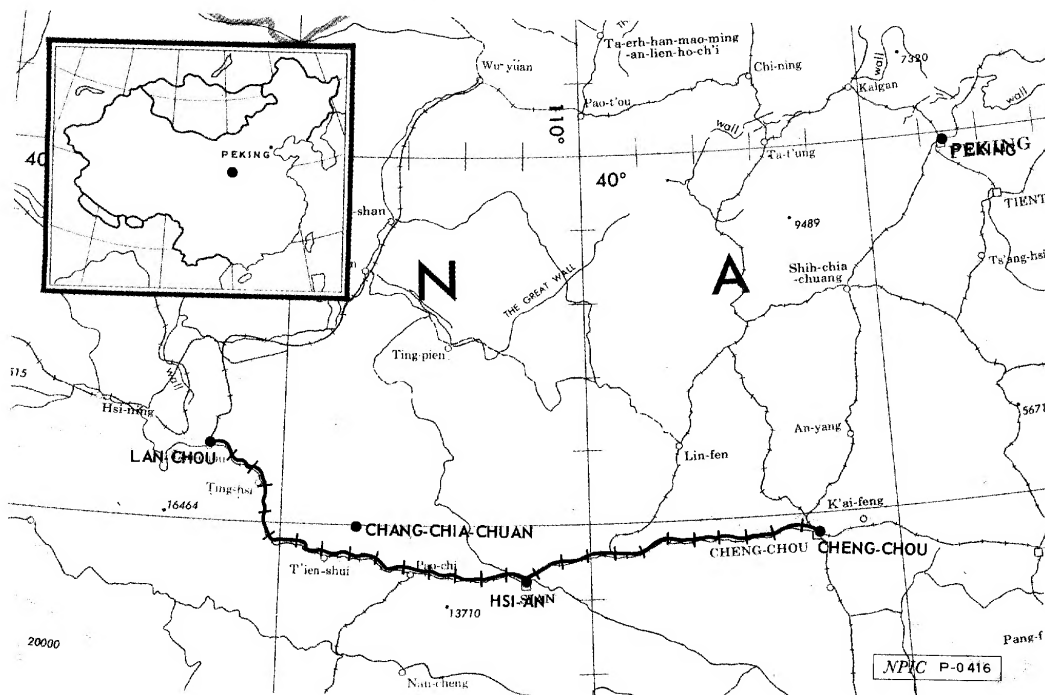


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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FIGURE 2. POSSIBLE SSM LAUNCH FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, CHANG-CHIA-CHUAN, CHINA

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